

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

STEPHEN MCCOLLUM, *et al.*, §
Plaintiffs, §
§
v. § CIVIL NO. 4:14-CV-3253
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§
BRAD LIVINGSTON, *et al.*, §
Defendants. §
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Exhibit 2

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

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STEPHEN McCOLLUM, STEPHANIE :
KINGREY, and SANDRA McCOLLUM, :
individually and as heirs :
at law in the Estate of :
LARRY GENE McCOLLUM, :
Plaintiffs, :
VS. : CIVIL ACTION NO.
: 3:12-cv-02037
BRAD LIVINGSTON, JEFF PRINGLE, :
RICHARD CLARK, KAREN TATE, :
SANDREA SANDERS, ROBERT EASON, :
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS :
MEDICAL BRANCH and the TEXAS :
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, :
Defendants. :
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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF OWEN MURRAY, M.D.

NOVEMBER 20, 2013

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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF OWEN MURRAY,
M.D., produced as a witness at the instance of the
Plaintiffs, and duly sworn, was taken in the
above-styled and numbered cause on Wednesday, November
20, 2013, from 9:07 a.m. to 12:58 p.m., before Mary C.
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1 intensive analysis as to how much impact a person's
2 disease has on them; is that fair?

3 A. You're talking about depression?

4 Q. Well, we -- Sure. Depression.

5 A. Again, I mean, it -- from the history, the
6 nature of the symptoms --

7 Q. Sure.

8 A. -- the nature of the limitations, if there are
9 any, I mean, all of that would go into defining where
10 the disease lies on the -- on the continuum.

11 Q. Right. Okay. All right.

12 Do you consider morbid obesity a medical
13 condition?

14 A. I would -- I would consider it a medical
15 condition, yes.

16 Q. Is it -- Is it serious and does it -- Strike
17 that.

18 Do you consider it to be a serious
19 medical condition that requires treatment?

20 MS. MOLINARE: Objection, vague.

21 A. I think it's a condition that requires
22 management.

23 Q. (By Mr. Edwards) Okay.

24 A. And, again, from that perspective, you know,
25 educating the patients in terms of diet, exercise,

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1 etcetera, unless we're going to get into bariatric
2 surgery and other things, I mean, it really becomes a
3 patient-dependent process.

4 Q. Certainly you would agree that obesity can
5 limit one's physical activity?

6 A. I would agree with that.

7 Q. Certainly you would agree that morbid obesity
8 can affect people's ability to breathe?

9 MS. MOLINARE: Objection, speculation;
10 objection, foundation; objection, vague.

11 A. Again, not knowing the specific circumstances,
12 but morbid obesity can have -- can complicate the
13 respiratory process.

14 Q. (By Mr. Edwards) It can affect the ability to
15 walk or run; right?

16 A. Again, not knowing the specifics, yes.

17 Q. It can affect the ability to climb; correct?

18 A. Stairs, like -- Or not like -- You're
19 talking stairs, not mountains or climb any --

20 Q. Let's start with stairs.

21 A. Yes, it can. It can affect someone's ability
22 to -- to climb.

23 Q. It can affect someone's ability to climb into
24 a top bunk; correct?

25 A. Again, not knowing the circumstances

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1 specifically, that could possibly occur.

2 Q. Okay. And morbidly obese people are at a
3 higher risk to develop heat illness if they're exposed
4 to higher temperatures; correct?

5 MS. MOLINARE: Objection, vague;
6 objection, foundation; objection, speculation.

7 A. Again, not knowing the specifics, morbid
8 obesity can be a risk factor for heat-related illness.

9 Q. (By Mr. Edwards) And that risk factor is
10 something that UTMB should take into account when making
11 housing recommendations to TDCJ; correct?

12 MS. MOLINARE: Objection, speculation.

13 A. In making housing recommendations to TDCJ?

14 Q. (By Mr. Edwards) Uh-huh.

15 A. It would be -- A patient's morbid obesity
16 would be part of our medical assessment, and part of and
17 play into a decision to -- about potentially that
18 patient requiring special housing.

19 Q. Do you practice medicine currently and treat
20 patients?

21 A. No. Not -- Not on a day-to-day basis.

22 Q. Have you ever treated anyone for heat -- for
23 heatstroke?

24 A. Not -- Not to my recollection. It is -- It
25 is possible that I could have in Illinois; but -- as I

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